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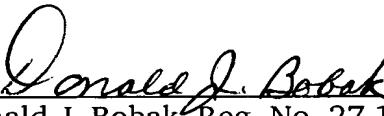
Sir:

This second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(c), regarding the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicants hereby submit the following in compliance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR §1.56. The art provided herewith is art which was filed in the Applicants' First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (filed August 20, 2002), but was not considered by the Examiner, as no concise explanation of its relevance had been provided. Section 609 of the MPEP requires such an explanation when cited references are not in English. While the original art cited included two Japanese published applications, the Applicants had not provided English language texts.

Thus, information or art known to the Applicants and having an extent of relevance to the present application has been listed on PTO Form 1449 attached hereto. It includes two Japanese patent translations of the applications submitted on August 20, 2002. The Applicants have employed PTO Form 1449 for the purpose

of convenience of the Office and the Examiner. No representation is made that a specific search has been made, that the information is pertinent to the claimed subject matter, that the information represents the only or the best information or that the information is non-cumulative of the art of record. The Applicants do not admit that any of the information they have provided is necessarily prior to their invention but rather that it is information of which they are aware and that they believe should be provided to the Office in fulfillment of his duty of disclosure. Based upon the differences between the Applicants' invention as compared to the teachings and disclosures of the art provided, it is the Applicants' belief that their invention is neither anticipated nor suggested by these references. In the event further clarification of the art may be deemed necessary, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call from the Examiner. Should the Examiner hold a contrary opinion regarding relevance of any of the patents discussed herein, it will readily be reconsidered in light of any rejection which may be made.

Respectfully submitted,


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